

# Window Cleaners' Belts and Anchors

WAC 296-878-180

## Rule

**WAC 296-878-18005**

*Select appropriate window-cleaners' belts and anchors*

### **You must**

- Make sure *window-cleaners' belts and anchors* conform to the:
    - Design, manufacture, and maintenance requirements of ANSI/IWCA 1-14.1-2001
- AND**
- Manufacturer's specifications

**WAC 296-878-18010**

*Inspect the anchors you plan to use for window cleaning*

### **You must**

- Make sure you don't use anchors if they:
  - Appear to be damaged
  - Appear deteriorated
  - Appear to be worn
  - Appear to be loose
  - Appear to be unsecured to the building or window frame
  - Won't allow the **belt terminal** to easily slip over the anchor head
- Use window-cleaners' belts only if:
  - The area to be cleaned is safe
  - All anchors intended for use are safe

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### WAC 296-878-18010 (Continued)

#### You must

- Make sure window ledges and frames won't impair the safe use of the window-cleaners' belt.



#### Note:

If unsafe anchors are found, report them to the building owner or manager and don't use them.

### WAC 296-878-18015

#### Use window-cleaners' belts safely

#### You must

- Make sure workers don't extend more than one arm beyond the window sash when cleaning windows from inside a building.
- Attach one belt terminal to an anchor before you put more than one arm outside the window.
- Pull on the **terminal strap** and look for signs of damage to the anchor.
- Attach both belt terminals to anchors before climbing out the window.
- Keep all belt terminals attached during the entire cleaning operation.
- Make sure the worker keeps one terminal attached to an anchor when reentering the window and until the worker is inside.



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WAC 296-878-18020

*Move safely on the outside of buildings*

### **You must**

- Make sure you travel on the outside of the building only when
  - You keep at least one window-cleaners' belt terminal attached at all times
  - The anchors aren't more than 48 inches apart



#### **Note:**

- Anchors can be up to 72 inches apart if:
  - The sill or ledge is continuous
  - The sill or ledge is at least 12 inches wide
  - The sill or ledge has a slope less than 5 degrees
  - There is at least 6 inches of window sill in front of the *mullions*

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